

18(Once-amended). An antibody or active fragment or derivative thereof, specific for a polypeptide according to claim 13.

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19(Once-amended). A method for modulating RIP modulated/mediated effect on cells, comprising treating said cells with the antibody or active fragment or derivative thereof according to claim 18, said treating being by application of a suitable composition containing said antibody or active fragment or derivative thereof to said cells, wherein when the RAP protein or portions thereof of said cells are exposed on the extracellular surface, said composition is formulated for extracellular application, and when said RAP proteins are intracellular said composition is formulated for intracellular application.

Please add new claim 28 as follows:

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--28. The antibody according to claim 18 which is a monoclonal antibody.--